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-- COMMITTEE (SCEPC) REINFORCED MEETING,
-- FEB 26-28, 1975

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1. REF A TRANSMITTED AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING. ITEM IX

OF AGENDA CONCERNS CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION AND NOTES THAT A US DOCUMENT ON THE SUBJECT WILL BE CIRCULATED.

2. IN VIEW OF THE PROCEDURE AND RATIONALE OUTLINED IN REF C FOR INTRODUCING OUR CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION PROPOSAL INTO NATO VIA MILITARY CHANNELS, WE BELIEVE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC IN SUBJECT MEETING AT US BEHEST WOULD BE PREMATURE AND POSSIBLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE PROPOSAL BE DISCUSSED IN THE SCEPC AS A RESULT OF THE INVITATION OF THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE (PARA 2B, REF C) RATHER THAN AT US REQUEST. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD INFORM THE CEP DIRECTORATE THAT THE US WILL BE UNABLE TO CIRCULATE A DOCUMENT ON CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION AT THE MEETING AND ASK THAT ITEM IX BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. SHOULD THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

EXTEND ITS INVITATION TO THE SCEPC REGARDING THE CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION PROPOSAL IN TIME FOR SUBJECT MEETING, THEN THE CEP DIRECTORATE SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO PLACE THE ITEM BACK ON THE AGENDA AND CIRCULATE THE DOCUMENT DISCUSSED IN PARA 3A OF REF C.

3. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE FOR CEP OUTLINED IN THE DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT (DRC/WP(75)1) REPORTED IN REF B, WE BELIEVE THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING SUBJECT MEETING. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THIS IDEA TO THE CEP DIRECTORATE AND EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT WILL APPEAR ON THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THAT THE CEP DIRECTORATE WILL CIRCULATE TO CAPITALS BEFOREHAND (VIA THE NATO-WIDE SYSTEM) A DISCUSSION PAPER CONCERNING THE CEP PORTIONS OF THE GUIDANCE. YOU MIGHT ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT INVITE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES 1) TO NOTE THE DRAFT GUIDANCE, 2) TO EXPRESS APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE ROLE INDICATED FOR CEP, AND 3) TO ASK THE IS TO BRING THE OPINION OF THE SCEPC ON THIS MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DPC AND DRC. HOWEVER, WE REMAIN FLEXIBLE AND WOULD GLADLY CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS THE CEP DIRECTORATE MIGHT WANT TO MAKE AT THIS JUNCTURE.

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4. WE WOULD LIKE THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE TOPIC TO BE ON THE AGENDA WHETHER OR NOT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ISSUES ITS INVITATION ON THE CIVIL/MILITARY PROPOSAL IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT, SHOULD IT BE ISSUED IN TIME, SCEPC APPROVAL OF THE INVITATION WOULD BE ENHANCED WERE IT TO BE CONSIDERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER DISCUSSION OF THE GUIDANCE ITEM.

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